

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q71182

Kenji SHIMIZU, et al.

Appln. No.: Not Yet Assigned

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For: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME,  
AND MAGNETIC RECORDING AND REPRODUCTION APPARATUS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/397,097 filed July 22,  
2002; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.